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SUBJECT: BRIEFINGS FOR IRANIANS ON ICCS

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1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED WITH MFA'S UNDERSECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS MANOUCHEHR FARTASH READINESS OF CANADIANS (OTTAWA REFTEL) TO BRIEF IRANIANS ON OPERATIONS OF ICCS AND CONDITIONS IN SOUTH

VIET-NAM. WE BELIEVED IRANIANS AND CANADIANS MAY ALREADY HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS BUT WE WISHED TO MAKE DOUBLY SURE THAT IRANIAN SIDE WAS FULLY COGNIZANT OF WHAT CANADIANS WERE PREPARED TO DO. A SMALL GROUP OF CANADIAN ICCS OFFICERS WAS BEING DEPT IN OTTAWA TO BRIEF IRANIANS, IF LATTER SO DESIRED. IF IRANIANS WERE NOT PREPARED TO GO TO OTTAWA, CANADA WOULD BE WILLING TO SEND A SMALLER GROUP TO TEHRAN

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FOR BRIEFING PURPOSES. HOWEVER, CANADIANS BELIEVED IRANIANS WOULD

BENEFIT MORE IF THEY SENT THEIR PEOPLE TO OTTAWA WHERE CANADA WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION RESPOND TO THEIR QUESTIONS. THE CANADIANS HAD ALSO INVITED IRAN TO SEND A TEAM TO ATHENS FOR BRIEFING BY CANADIAN AMBASSADOR GAUVIN, FORMER CANADIAN ICCS CHIEF N VIET-NAM.

2. FARTASH WAS GRATEFUL FOR USG CONCERN AND SAID GOI MUCH APPRECIATED WILLINGNESS OF CANADIANS TO BRIEF IRANIANS. HIS GOVERNMENT WAS STUDYING QUESTION OF HOW BEST TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OFFER. IRAN HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO SEND HEAD OF IRANIAN ICCS DELEGATION AMBASSADOR ASSAD SADRI TO ATHENS FOR BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR GAUVIN. A DECISION HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE ON SENDING AN IRANIAN TEAM TO OTTAWA FOR BRIEFINGS.

3. EMBASSY ALSO INFORMED FARTASH THAT ACTING HEAD OF AMERICAN ARMISH MAAG GROUP IN IRAN BRIGADIER GENERAL SOUCEK WAS OFFICER WITH FOUR YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN VIET-NAM. SOUCEK WAS FULLY COGNIZANT OF THE MANY PROBLEMS IRANIAN PERSONNEL WOULD FACE ON GROUND IN SOUTH VIET-NAM AND WHICH COULD MAKE LIVING VERY DIFFICULT AND TRYING. SOUCEK WAS WILLING TO BRIEF IRANIAN ICCS MEMBERS AND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE. FARTASH RESPONDED GOI WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE BRIEFING FROM SOUCEK AND HE WOULD ASK COMMANDER OF IRANIAN SUPREME COMMANDER'S STAFF, GENERAL AZHARI, TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.
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